

MINUTES OF WATERLOO NETBALL AGM 10.15 am 6th January 2018



Welcome: Miriam Poulton, Treasurer, welcomed parents to the AGM

Who's Who: Committee members introduced themselves and their roles:
Miriam Poulton – Treasurer, Strategic Manager
Hinei Court – Admin Manager, Membership Secretary and Level 1 Coach
Kristina Thiele – Website Manager

Minutes of previous AGM: These were presented and no one disagreed with them

Manager's Reports and Finance Reports – The 2017 report covers the last school year, September 2016 to July 2017, with some comments about the Autumn Term 2017 and financial proposals for the rest of this year (2017/18).

Miriam outlined the growth and progress of the club over the past year, the various levels of the coaches, attendance and challenges.

Progress and growth

- Our highest ever membership – over 80 girls playing with us last year.
- Our highest placing in the London Youth Games (13th out of 31 – previous highest position was 20th).
- 3 of our coaches achieved new qualifications last year.
- Club finances were in a healthy condition: Last year, we had a turnover of £10k, starting with reserves of £2,300 and ending the year with £3,100 in the bank.
- Last term we had 15 fewer players. This has resulted in a slightly decreased income.

Challenges

- Recruitment of new players – despite our best efforts with flyers in local schools and libraries, the best way to recruit is word to mouth; all parents are encouraged to get the word out. We do have places in the younger year groups (Yrs 3-6).
- Recruitment of volunteers to help run the club. e.g. not having the capacity to enquire about competitive games against other clubs or applying for grants. One parent came forward and is looking into competitive opportunities.
- Due to the British weather a few sessions had to be rescheduled last term, going forward, 10 sessions will be timetabled each term, with 8 sessions “guaranteed” and 2 sessions will be “bonus” each term. Extra sessions will not be timetabled.
- Indoor courts are not available at reasonable cost, and the question was raised again to looking into alternative courts, at local centres or schools. One parent came forward to enquire about Newton Prep School in Battersea. (since the meeting, parent has reported back that costs at the school are higher than at GMH)
- Changes of income and outgoings were explained, as court hire has increased dramatically and coach costs are higher, now that all our coaches are qualified.

Proposed increase to Fees and uniform costs from Summer Term 2018

There was a proposal to increase the annual membership and termly fees from summer 18 term. This was carried unanimously and there had been several e-mails agreeing with this proposal in advance but members who could not attend.

New Termly fees will be: £60 early bird, £70 regular price and £85 penalty late payment.

Concession rates would be increased to £35 (regular price) and £45 for late payments.

New Annual Membership Fees will be increased from September to £30 (£15 concessions) due to the increase in fees by England Netball. It was explained that the membership fee provides insurance cover and other benefits.

Further it was agreed that the subsidy of uniform was to be stopped and uniform would be sold at cost price. This was also voted in favour by all attending the meeting. Prices can be found on the club website.

Voting of the new chair

To improve the club's accountability, a new chair was needed since Claire Glen stepped down last year. Miriam was concerned about possible conflicts of interest if Miriam, Hinei or Kristina were to take up the position of chair, in addition to their current responsibilities. Shelley Thompson came forward and was voted in as the new chair.

Constitution

Annual signing -The club constitution was signed by the committee, including the new chair, Shelley Thompson.

AOB

Miriam announced that she will step down in 12 months' time. Kristina and Miriam signed the bank forms for Hinei to take over Clair Glen's signatory position for the clubs bank account.

One parent came forward with a suggestion of a masterclass by one of the Surrey Storm players. Inge will investigate the dates and prices and get back to the club.

The copperbox game by Surrey Storm will be played in June, it was agreed that it was too early to book tickets and get back to this nearer the time.

London Youth Games (YR7-YR9) are usually played in July. It was agreed that the club could not subsidise the training of the Southwark Team, but was willing to cooperate on the LYG, if Southwark would pay for the training of the girls. Volunteers were asked to come forward should this occur and Kisha a parent and PE teacher said she would be willing to help.

The attending parents expressed thanks to the committee.